

Update for Test Coordinators

Day 12 of Spring ISAT Window
April 29, 2008



Thank you.

By end of day Monday, you had completed **297,986** content area tests (parts 1 & 2)! By May 16, you will have completed more than 480,000. We appreciate that this is hard work for you and your students.

Reactivation

Reactivation within one school day is at your discretion. When doing so, you are required to monitor students when they are away from the test.

Those schools and districts who sent a complete list of possible reactivations—listing all students who have accommodations for multiple settings and extended time—before the test window have had an easier time. While we are processing requests as quickly as possible, we cannot keep up when the load is high.

The ISAT is an un-timed test, limited only by the length of a school day. We require a 90 minute test opportunity for each content area. We appreciate that you have an alternate plan when students require additional time. Some strategies that schools are using, in order to free lab computers, include moving slow testers to a counselor's office or special programs classroom.

Reactivation overnight is a security issue.

- We have not approved any reactivations when parents take students out of school when they have begun a test.
- We have not reactivated when the teacher forgot to have them come back after lunch and finish within the 1-day window.
- We have not allowed re-testing when the accommodations were not provided and it was discovered after the test was completed.
- We have not reactivated when a student started a test with less a full 90 minute opportunity to test.
- We have not approved reactivations when substitute teachers have been running the lab and not correctly administered the test. Please verify that your lab folks are well prepared to give the test.

Technology Problems

We have had more than 15 power outages and loss of internet. Reactivation in these cases is automatic. We appreciate your work in reactivating these students individually. We had one district that was testing 200 students when the internet went down. Ouch.

Tickets

The *auto continue* at the end of part 1 seems to be working well. Remember, if a student inadvertently clicks continue when you want him to exit, do not let him BEGIN TEST. If he does not have opportunity to view items, reactivation will not be a problem. If he gets an opportunity to see the test questions, we cannot reactivate.

(Downside of the auto continue)

We have had a few students scroll to the end of part 1, and then, *continue to part 2*, engaging with few or even zero test items in part 1. Looking at roughly 300,000 completed tests the percentage is small, but it does require some special steps to correct this error. Call immediately if this happens in your testing lab. 866-572-2050. A very few reactivations have been granted when the DRC hotline is called immediately.

For policy questions / content / standards / ISAT / reactivation issues:

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